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H.B. No. 2530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a reduction of amounts appropriated to the Texas  
3 Department of Transportation for a violation of provisions relating  
4 to public participation in the environmental review of  
5 transportation projects.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Section 201.604, Transportation Code, is amended  
8 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

9 (f) If the department violates a requirement relating to  
10 public participation in the environmental review of a  
11 transportation project under this section or under rules adopted to  
12 implement this section, the department is subject to a reduction of  
13 amounts appropriated for administration by the General  
14 Appropriations Act for the biennium following the biennium in which  
15 the violation occurs in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for each  
16 violation.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.